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SUBJECT: JOBERT'S MARCH 8 RADIO INTERVIEW: MIDDLE EAST PORTION

REF: PARIS 6026

1. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF MIDDLE EAST PORTION OF FRENCH  
FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT'S MARCH 8 INTERVIEW ON COMMERCIAL  
RADIO "EUROPE NUMBER 1".

2. JOBERT WAS ASKED WHETHER HE HAD INTERRUPTED HIS SERIES OF  
MIDDLE EAST VISITS BECAUSE OF DISAPPOINTMENT WITH RESULTS  
OF GOF POLICIES IN THAT AREA. JOBERT SAID SUCH INTERPRETATION  
SEEMED SOMEWHAT TENDENTIOUS. HE HAD INTERRUPTED HIS VISITS  
BECAUSE OF SCHEDULING PROBLEMS ONLY AND EXPECTED TO CONTINUE  
UNTIL HE HAD VISITED EVERYWHERE IN ME WHERE HE WAS INTERESTED  
IN GOING; JOBERT ADDED THAT HE MIGHT NOT REMAIN MINISTER THAT  
LONG. HE SAID HE IS WORKING OUT MUTUALLY AGREEABLE DATE FOR  
VISITING LEBANON, ON THE BASIS OF WHICH HE WILL SCHEDULE OTHER  
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TRIPS, PROBABLY INCLUDING EGYPT. JOBERT SAID ISRAELI FONMIN

WOULD COME TO PARIS FIRST AS GOI DESIRED; IF EBAN COMES IN NEXT FEW WEEKS, JOBERT WOULD RETURN THIS VISIT IN AUTUMN.

3. JOBERT WAS ASKED IF PESSIMISTIC GOF APPRAISAL OF PRESENT SITUATION IN ME WAS REACTION TO ITS EXCLUSION FROM CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS; QUESTIONER SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER CONSIDERED JOBERT HAD SABOTAGED HIS MISSION DURING JOBERT'S RECENT VISIT TO DAMASCUS. JOBERT STRONGLY DENIED HIS QUESTIONER HAD PROPERLY DEFINED GOF ATTITUDE. HE TURNED QUESTION ASIDE WITH STATEMENT THAT HE HOPED GOF ATTITUDE WOULD BE BASED ON SERENITY AND WISDOM.

4. JOBERT REPLIED IN GREAT DETAIL TO QUESTION ABOUT STATE-TO-STATE OIL NEGOTIATIONS INCLUDING PRICE PAID IN SAUDI AGREEMENT. HE SAID HE HAD TOLD SECRETARY KISSINGER THAT MORE THAN A YEAR AGO FRENCH OIL COMPANIES ASKED ARAMCO ("WHICH TO SOME EXTENT REPRESENTS USA IN SAUDI ARABIA") TO ASSURE FRANCE'S INCREASING NEEDS FOR OIL OVER LONG TERM; THIS WOULD BE FROM PORTION OF SAUDI OIL WHICH ARAMCO SELLS FOR SAUDI ARABIAN ACCOUNT RATHER THAN FROM PORTION RESULTING FROM ARAMCO'S CONCESSION. ARAMCO NEVER REPLIED. JOBERT SAID HE HAD ASKED SECRETARY KISSINGER UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES HOW GOF COULD BE EXPECTED TO ACT OTHER THAN BY GOING DIRECTLY TO SAUDI GOVERNMENT; JOBERT SAID HE STILL IS AWAITING AN ANSWER. HE CITED \$11.70 AS PRICE OF CONTRACT BETWEEN FRENCH COMPANIES AND SAUDI "PETROMIN" APPLICABLE ONLY UNTIL SAUDI ARABIAN PRODUCTION RETURNS TO 1973 LEVEL. THEREAFTER JOBERT SAID PRICE WOULD BE 93 PERCENT OF POSTED PRICE.STONE

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